At UC San Diego, we know that universities exist because of students. We are here to educate and inspire bright minds, provide opportunities, and prepare students for successful and rewarding careers and lives.

That is why we are more focused than ever on the student experience at UC San Diego. Through our first-ever Strategic Plan, we set a goal to deliver an educational and overall experience that develops students who are capable of solving problems, leading, and innovating in a diverse and interconnected world.

We are making much progress toward that goal. In the past year, we have:

• Upgraded teaching facilities and instructional technology.
• Added new courses and research experiences in response to emerging fields.
• Streamlined curricular requirements to improve time-to-degree.
• Expanded first-year experience courses.
• Enhanced academic advising.
• Improved campus infrastructure, such as new walkways and bike paths.
• Added campus artworks that reflect the diversity of our community and local artists.
• Increased the number of scholarships for local students from underserved communities.

These changes are contributing to our student success. They allow students to seize opportunities that enrich their education and college experience, that prepare them for the future, and that build a stronger sense of community and connection with the campus, fellow students, alumni, faculty and staff.

Research also shows that parental involvement is associated with higher student achievement outcomes. You are an invaluable member of our UC San Diego family, and your ongoing support and encouragement help students to thrive and excel.

Together, we are building a stronger student experience, a stronger sense of community and a stronger university. I look forward to seeing you at Family Weekend.

Pradeep K. Khosla
Chancellor, UC San Diego

Welcome To UC San Diego!

As you and your family are enjoying the last weeks of summer, we here at UC San Diego are gearing up for your Triton students’ arrival in September. The first week of the new academic year is an exciting time. The week is filled with information fairs, student organization sign-ups, and a host of social activities and events of every type and size one can imagine. There is indeed something for everyone and if it does not exist, our students can create it. I encourage you to visit events happening during Welcome Week at http://welcomeweek.ucsd.edu and Triton Fest at http://tritonfest.ucsd.edu/.

In addition to what we provide students, the Office of Parent & Family Programs is a service for our Triton families dedicated to help you navigate this large public university.

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CLIMB TIME WITH OUTBACK ADVENTURES
1 – 4 p.m.
Climbing Center, Canyon View Pool
Join UC San Diego Climb Time Recreation staff and try your hands and feet at the Outback Climbing Center. The indoor climbing facility accommodates beginners and experienced climbers, no experience required.

TOUR OF THE TRITON BALLPARK AND MARYE ANNE FOX CLUBHOUSE
2 – 4 p.m.
Club House
Take a tour of the newly renovated Baseball Clubhouse provided by UC San Diego coaches and athletes.

“SO YOUR STUDENT IS GRADUATING”
3 – 4 p.m.
Career Services Center
Career and Professional Development Advisors will discuss how graduating students can connect their knowledge, skills, and experiences to opportunities in the world of work, graduate school, and beyond.

EVERY PENNY COUNTS: BUDGETING WHILE IN SCHOOL AND FOR LIFE AFTER SCHOOL
3 – 4 p.m.
Eleanor Roosevelt College Room
“I need an allowance!” is a common ask from students. Financial Aid representatives will share tips for your student to budget effectively while in school and provide information for students preparing to graduate from UC San Diego and returning home.

PARENT & FAMILY GIVING RECEPTION
4:30 – 6 p.m.
Price Center East Forum
UC San Diego recognizes that many families have talents and resources that will enhance student’s overall education. Enjoy an afternoon of delight and learn how you can contribute to UC San Diego Parents’ Fund and other areas that inspire you.

TRITON FAMILY COMEDY NIGHT
8 – 10 p.m.
Price Center West Ballroom
Enjoy a hilarious, family-friendly comedy show. We'll provide the entertainment, you provide the laughs!
A CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST OF TRITONS
8 – 10 a.m.
Town Square
Enjoy a family-friendly continental breakfast.

TRITON ED SESSIONS
8:30 – 10:15 a.m.
Various Locations
Select from a variety of educational sessions to get to know UC San Diego. Triton Ed Sessions include a panel of students from the School of Medicine, Cute or Creepy? Life Skills on Healthy Relationships, Study Abroad, Self-Defense demonstration, and more.

UC SAN DIEGO NIGHT AT THE ZOO - SAN DIEGO ZOO & DINNER
2 – 8 p.m.
San Diego Zoo, Balboa Park
Enjoy admission to the San Diego Zoo and explore it in its entirety. The San Diego Zoo will remain open exclusively for our Triton Families for a family dinner, unlimited soft drinks, skyfari ride, face painting, caricature activities, and live student performances.

COMMUNITY SERVICE FOR PROJECT LINUS
9 – 11 a.m.
Multipurpose Room
As a family, make blankets for Project Linus to give to our local San Diego hospitals for children in need.

FAREWELL BRUNCH AND FAMILY OF THE YEAR AWARD
11 a.m. – 1 p.m.
Join us for a delicious brunch before heading home! Guest speaker Earl Edwards, Director of UC San Diego Athletics will discuss the successes of the university’s Athletics program. The Family of the Year Award will also be presented. Enjoy a photo slide show capturing the weekend and a chance to win exciting prizes.

ONLINE REGISTRATION is now open and closes Thursday, October 1
http://parents.ucsd.edu

PRICE FOR THE ENTIRE WEEKEND
$58 per guest age 8 & up
$25 per UCSD Student
FREE admission for children 7 & under

FEE WAIVER: Need-based fee waiver application is available September 1 and on a first-come, first serve basis. For more information, visit http://parents.ucsd.edu or contact parents@ucsd.edu • (858) 534-7273.

Check-in
Friday, October 16 at 12 – 4 p.m
Saturday, October 17 at 8 a.m. – 4 p.m.
Bring a non-perishable item to help stock UC San Diego’s Triton Food Pantry.

A weekend set aside for parents to spend with their student is priceless.

Note: The schedule is subject to change. Office of Parent & Family Programs (858) 534-7273 • parents@ucsd.edu • http://parents.ucsd.edu • www.facebook.com/TritonParents • www.twitter.com/UCSParents
Become a Triton Parent & Family Ambassador!

A great way to connect to the campus and to your student’s college experience.

The Triton Parent & Family Ambassador Program is a unique opportunity for parents and families of current UC San Diego undergraduate students and alumni to help enhance the campus community. As ambassadors for UC San Diego, you will participate in activities that will reach local and regional, prospective and current families and students. Opportunities include participating in:

- on-campus events (i.e., Family Weekend, Siblings Day, Triton Days, and Parent/Family Panels)
- off-campus events occurring in your hometown (i.e., College Fairs and Summer Send-Offs)
- making congratulatory calls to admitted students

No matter where you are, you can be an ambassador. You’ll receive an ambassador pin and guide to help you learn about UC San Diego. Sign up today at http://parents.ucsd.edu/get-involved/parentambassadors.html

Parents Fund

The Parents Fund helps build and maintain campus resources that make the difference between a good college experience and an outstanding one. This flexible fund pools together contributions of all sizes to support programs that focus on student safety and wellness. It also helps sustain positive student life events and activities. From tutoring and mentoring services to opportunities to engage with the arts and explore career paths, the Parents Fund ensures our students are supported—so that they will thrive in their academic careers, and beyond.

Please consider making a gift to the Parents Fund, or to any area of UC San Diego that inspires you. For more information, contact Sumner Paterson at (858) 822-3867. Make a gift online at http://parentfamilygiving.ucsd.edu.

E-Newsletter

Look for the first E-Newsletter of the year coming to your email inbox. Be sure your email is updated in your student’s Triton Link. http://parents.ucsd.edu/news-pubs/2015/index.html

Find and read the UC San Diego Parent Guide

The Parent Guide assists parents and families of undergraduate students through their student’s transition into college life. It is especially helpful for new parents and families. http://parents.ucsd.edu/news-pubs/parent-guide/index.html

Order your Triton Transitions Calendar

This annual calendar helps parents and families stay informed about campus activities, traditions, and several campus resources. http://parents.ucsd.edu/news-pubs/calendar/calendar-order-form.html

Summer Send-Offs

Summer Send-Offs give incoming families and their student a chance to meet other families and alumni residing in the same region. Find out which Summer Send Off is close to you and register today at http://parents.ucsd.edu/events/picnics/index.html
Visiting San Diego

Bartell Hotels

UC San Diego Parent and Family Programs has formed a partnership with Bartell Hotels to offer parents, students, family and friends reduced hotel rates at some of the finest properties in San Diego. Every time you stay at one of Bartell Hotels seven distinguished properties, they will donate a percentage of the total room cost to support student scholarships at UC San Diego and promote university events.

To take advantage of these special rates and UC San Diego family amenities, visit www.tritonfamilydestinations.com or call 800.345.9995 to book your stay at any of the Bartell Hotels.

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